

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-25 (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) A cigarette package comprising:

a paperboard crush proof box designed to hold twenty-five cigarettes;

twenty cigarettes; and

a cigarette saver positioned inside the paperboard crush proof box and comprising two end portions, the distance between the two end portions forming a length of the cigarette saver, wherein the first end portion includes an opening to a channel that terminates in the cigarette saver and wherein the cigarette saver has a cross-sectional area that corresponds to the cross-sectional area of approximately five cigarettes.

27. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the opening is elliptical for receiving cigarettes into the channel.

28. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the opening is round.

29. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the width of the opening is greater than the diameter of one of the cigarettes.

30. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the channel comprises a guide portion and an extinguishing portion.

31. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the cigarette saver is constructed from plastic.

32. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the cigarette saver is constructed from metal.

33. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the end of the channel that terminates in the cigarette saver is tapered.

34. (Currently amended) A cigarette package comprising:
a paperboard crush proof box designed to hold twenty-three cigarettes;
twenty cigarettes; and
a rigid cigarette saver positioned inside the paperboard crush proof box and comprising two end portions, the distance between the two end portions forming a length of the cigarette saver,
wherein the first end portion includes an opening to a channel that terminates in the cigarette saver and wherein the cigarette saver has a cross-sectional area that corresponds to the cross-sectional area of approximately three cigarettes.

35. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the opening is elliptical for receiving cigarettes into the channel..

36. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the opening is round.

37. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the width of the opening is greater than the diameter of one of the cigarettes.

38. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the channel comprises a guide portion and an extinguishing portion.

39. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the cigarette saver is constructed from plastic.

40. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the cigarette saver is constructed from metal.

41. (Previously added) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the end of the channel that terminates in the cigarette saver is tapered.

42. (New) The cigarette package of claim 34, wherein the length of the cigarette saver is less than the length of a cigarette.

43. (New) The cigarette package of claim 26, wherein the length of the cigarette saver is less than the length of a cigarette.

44. (New) A cigarette saver adapted to be inserted in a cigarette package designed to hold twenty-five cigarettes and including twenty cigarettes, the cigarette saver comprising:
a device having two end portions, wherein the first end portion includes an opening to a channel, and
wherein the device occupies a region corresponding to the volume of approximately five cigarettes.

45. (New) A cigarette package comprising:
a paperboard crush proof box designed to hold twenty-five cigarettes;
twenty cigarettes; and
a cigarette saver positioned inside the paperboard crush proof box and comprising two end portions, the distance between the two end portions forming a length of the cigarette saver,
wherein the first end portion includes an opening to a channel that terminates in the cigarette saver and wherein the cigarette saver occupies a region corresponding to the volume of approximately five cigarettes.

46. (New) A cigarette package comprising:

a paperboard crush proof box designed to hold twenty-three cigarettes;

twenty cigarettes; and

a rigid cigarette saver positioned inside the paperboard crush proof box and

comprising two end portions, the distance between the two end portions forming a length of the cigarette saver,

wherein the first end portion includes an opening to a channel that terminates in the cigarette saver and wherein the cigarette saver occupies a region corresponding to the volume of approximately three cigarettes.
